



U.S. Department  
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# Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Policy on Copter Instrument Landing  
System (ILS) Procedures with Lower Than  
Standard Category (Cat) I Minimums

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From: Manager, Flight Technologies and Procedures  
Division, AFS-400

Reply to  
Attn. of:

To: Program Director, Aviation System Standards,  
AVN-1

Due to an administrative error, conflicting guidance was issued to Aviation System Standards (AVN) recently regarding this matter. This memorandum supersedes both the memorandum from AFS-400 dated February 24<sup>th</sup> and the memorandum from AFS-410 dated February 20<sup>th</sup> with the same subject.

Flight Standards has published guidance in Change 28 to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8700.10, General Aviation Operation Inspector's Handbook, Chapter 59 for the approval procedure for conducting a Copter ILS approach Cat II ILS procedure. The authorizations issued after a successful demonstration of this capability provides the holder the authority to descend to a decision height (DH) of no lower than 100 feet above touchdown (HAT) with visibility no less than 1200 feet runway visual range (RVR). Special certification for these operations is required for the flight crew and for the helicopter.

For all Copter ILS procedures with lower than Standard Category I minima, issue a Flight Data Center (FDC) Notice to Airman (NOTAM) annotating these procedures with "COPTER ILS CATEGORY II- SPECIAL AIRCREW & AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION REQUIRED." Process an amendment to the procedure to cancel the NOTAM in a timely manner.

Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated. Please assign the highest priority to the required actions, and inform this office when all of the required actions are complete. Please direct all inquiries to Donald Pate, AFS-420, at (405) 954-4164.

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